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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVER OF THE JONES ACT - Public Law 105-383
Title V

DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
SECURITY

1. NAME OF THE VESSEL: FREEDOM OF FLIGHT

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2. OWNER INFORMATION:

Mr. Samuel T. Byrne
STB Marine USA, LLC

3. VESSEL OFFICIAL NUMBER (or HIN, OR STATE No.): 723566

4. DATE OF VESSEL CONSTRUCTION: 1986

5. PLACE OF CONSTRUCTION: Viareggio, Italy

6. SIZE, CAPACITY AND TONNAGE OF THE VESSEL (STATE WHETHER TONNAGE IS MEASURED PURSUANT TO 46 U.S.C. 14502, OR OTHERWISE, AND IF OTHERWISE, HOW MEASURED)

SIZE: LOA 124' 9"

TONNAGE: 165 tons

CAPACITY: 10

Yes: ON

No:

Other:

7. INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL: Recreational use in limited coastal charter and sail training for not more than 10 passengers.

8. GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF INTENDED OPERATION AND TRADE: East Coast from Virginia to Maine, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

9. A STATEMENT ON THE IMPACT THIS WAIVER WILL HAVE ON OTHER COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSEL OPERATORS, INCLUDING A STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE OPERATIONS OF EXISTING OPERATORS: There will be no impact on existing operators, as this vessel is the only 4 cabin sailing vessel in her size range that will be available for charter in these regions. Absent this vessel being available for recreational charter and sail training, no comparable vessel would be available due to the uniqueness of the vessels layout and configuration.

10. A STATEMENT ON THE IMPACT THIS WAIVER WILL HAVE ON U.S. SHIPYARDS: This waiver will have no impact on U.S. shipyards. The vessel is 17 years old and would not be replicated in its configuration today as a new build vessel. In fact, if the vessel is allowed to operate in the US commercially, then there should be significant benefit to US shipyards who will gain access to annual refit work on the vessel that is estimated at \$300,000 - \$400,000 annually on average.

11. BY SUBMITTING THIS INFORMATION YOU ARE DEEMED TO HAVE CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT: